

**December 17, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Digital Media Law Project Blog: Ninth Circuit Starts Live Streaming, As Federal Camera Test Continues**

"In early December, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals announced that it would provide live-streams and archived video of oral arguments on its web site, starting later in the month. This makes it the only federal appeals court to offer online video coverage of its proceedings. Several state appeals courts (such as the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, the California Supreme Court, the Florida Supreme Court, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the New York Court of Appeals) already offer online video of their proceedings."

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### **The MLW Blog: State appeals courts announce holiday schedule**

"If you have business with the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals or the State Court Administrative Office between now and the end of the year, you'll need to plan around their holiday schedule."

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**Also see:**

### **Supreme Court, Court of Appeals announce holiday schedule**

[Press release](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Adoption Day Ceremony**

"The Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division conducted its 2013 Adoption Day Award Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac. The event was held in conjunction with the statewide celebration of Adoption Day. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack provided remarks and a resolution from the Supreme Court."

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### **The Detroit News: Keep McCree off bench til voters decide**

The editorial states "The Michigan Supreme Court has been asked by an attorney for disgraced Wayne Circuit Judge Wade McCree to allow the judge to remain on the bench. But the state high court should keep McCree off the bench until after he faces voters next November."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Wayne County sheriff's officials argue for more jail money**

"Arguments over a \$20 million budgeting disagreement continued Monday in court between the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and county officials over the proper amount of funding to operate the county jail.... The department is looking for Judge Timothy Kenny to increase its funding, but he did not make an immediate ruling after the hearing."

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Wayne County Sheriff's Office asks for \$1M more for overtime at jail**

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### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Wayne County Sheriff, staff make plea for more jail funding**

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### **Ann Arbor News: Ann Arbor defense attorney to face trial on sexual assault charge, but judge calls evidence weak**

"Ann Arbor defense attorney Nader Nassif will face trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a physically helpless woman, but the district judge who heard testimony is not impressed with the evidence. Nassif, 30, is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine and possession of ecstasy."

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### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home efforts to close 'revolving door' showing results**

"When Frank Weichlein took over as head of the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home in 2005, he and his staff were concerned about its 'revolving door.' The same youths were being detained over and over.... Weichlein, who retired in 2012, said that concern prompted his staff to do more to address underlying issues of juvenile delinquency."

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### **Macomb County Legal News: Veterans' treatment court honors graduates**

"A ceremony was held recently at the Macomb County Administration building for the first graduates of the county's Veterans' Treatment Court. Circuit Court Judge Mark Switalski said the six graduates completed the program 'with flying colors,' adding that everyone involved in the initiative was very proud of the men and the effort they put toward completing the process."

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### **The MLW Blog: Harmless error: Defendant wore 'inside-out' jail pants at trial**

"Joseph Alan Bigelow was tried and convicted of first-degree murder, assault and a weapons charge. The jury heard plenty of evidence that he did it, which might explain why the Michigan Supreme Court was willing to overlook the costume Bigelow was made to wear on the first day of trial: a white T-shirt, sandals and a pair of 'institutional green' pants turned inside-out."

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### **Muskegon Chronicle: Mental illness and criminal justice: Law enforcement copes with issues hospitals once handled**

"... Actors in Muskegon's criminal justice, court and mental health systems have taken some steps to cope with criminal behavior by mentally ill people, within the larger universe of limited beds and limited funding. Concern for public safety and recidivism among mentally ill criminal defendants led almost five years ago to the creation of an informal 'mental health court' led by Chief 60th District Judge Maria Ladas Hoopes, in cooperation with Community Mental Health and the Muskegon County Probation Office."

[Full story](#)

### **Pekin Daily Times/Pekin, IL: DUI law change sought**

"The mere presence of marijuana in a driver's body does not show he's under its influence. Current Illinois law does not recognize that fact.... [Local attorney Jeff Hall] noted the Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that a person prescribed marijuana under that state's similar law cannot be convicted of driving under the influence merely because its chemical presence is detected. The driver actually has to be under the drug's influence, the court said."

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